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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MESA WATER DISTRICT
Wednesday, January 11, 2023
1965 Placentia Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92627
4:30 p.m. Regular Board Meeting**

CALL TO ORDER The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 4:32 p.m. by President Dewane.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Director Atkinson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Directors Present Shawn Dewane, President
Marice H. DePasquale, Vice President
Jim Atkinson, Director
Fred R. Bockmiller, P.E., Director

Directors Absent James R. Fidler, Director

Staff Present Paul E. Shoenberger, P.E., General Manager
Wendy Duncan, Records Management Specialist/
Acting District Secretary
Tracy Manning, Chief Operating Officer
Stacie Sheek, Customer Services Manager
Andrew D. Wiesner, P.E., District Engineer
Stacy Taylor, Water Policy Manager
Kurt Lind, Business Administrator
Anthony Phou, Controller
Cherlynn Hurdle, Financial Services Assistant
Camille Shehadeh, Human Resources Analyst
Kaitlyn Norris, Public Affairs Specialist
Celeste Carrillo, Senior Public Affairs Specialist
Rob Anslow, Partner, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo

Others Present Aaron Peardon, Senior Labor Representative, Orange County
Employee Association (OCEA)
Trisha Murakawa, Principal, Murakawa Communications, Inc.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

President Dewane asked for public comments and introduced OCEA Senior Labor Representative Aaron Peardon. Mr. Peardon thanked the Board for their consideration and efforts during negotiations. Mr. Peardon introduced Financial Services Assistant Hurdle who serves on the Board of the Mesa Water District Employees' Association. Ms. Hurdle thanked the Board for their collaborative efforts during the negotiation process.

President Dewane proceeded with the meeting.

PRESENTATION OF DIRECTOR SERVICE AWARD PINS

Vice President DePasquale reviewed the backgrounds and achievements of President Dewane and Director Atkinson and presented them with service award pins.

Photographs were taken.

RECOGNITION OF MESA WATER DISTRICT PAST PRESIDENT MARICE H. DEPASQUALE

President Dewane recognized and thanked Immediate Past President Marice H. DePasquale for her contributions and service to the District.

Photographs were taken.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Item taken earlier on the agenda.

ITEMS TO BE ADDED, REMOVED, OR REORDERED ON THE AGENDA

General Manager Shoenberger reported there were no items to be added, removed, or reordered on the agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. Approve minutes of regular Board meeting of December 14, 2022.
2. Approve attendance considerations (additions, changes, deletions).
3. Board Schedule:
 - Conferences, Seminars, and Meetings
 - Board Calendar
 - Upcoming Community Outreach Events
4. Receive and file the Accounts Paid Listing
5. Receive and file the Monthly Financial Reports
6. Confirm the Board of Directors' Regular Board Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2023 and cancel the May 10, 2023, November 22, 2023 and December 27, 2023 Board of Directors' Meetings.

President Dewane asked for comments from the public. There were no comments.

MOTION

Motion by Vice President DePasquale, second by Director Atkinson, to approve Items 1 – 6 of the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 4 – 1, with Director Fisler absent.

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

7. CONSTRUCTION OUTREACH:

Senior Public Affairs Specialist Carrillo provided an overview of the topic and introduced Murakawa Communications, Inc. Principal Trisha Murakawa who proceeded with a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Construction Outreach Team
- Cross Team Collaboration
- Projects
- SCADA Control Room and Web Lab + Education Center
- Chandler & Croddy Wells
- Wells Pipeline
- Mainline Valves Replacement Project
- Plastic Service Line Replacement Project

Ms. Murakawa responded to questions from the Board and they thanked her for the presentation.

8. YO AMO MESA WATER COMMUNITY EVENT:

Senior Public Affairs Specialist Carrillo proceeded with a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Yo Amo Mesa Water
- Partners/Community Organizations
- Outreach and Communications

Ms. Carrillo responded to questions from the Board and they thanked her for the presentation.

9. SPECIAL DISTRICT LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION RECOGNITION PROGRAMS:

President Dewane asked for comments from the public. There were no comments.

MOTION

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Director Atkinson, to continue the renewal of the Special District Leadership Foundation's District of Distinction Accreditation and District Transparency Certificate of Excellence. Motion passed 4 – 1, with Director Fisler absent.

ACTION ITEMS:

10. PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE NO. 34 – DIRECTORS' COMPENSATION AND EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT:

President Dewane announced the Public Hearing was opened for the purpose of receiving comments regarding Ordinance No. 34 – Directors' Compensation and Expense Reimbursement.

Acting District Secretary Duncan reported that a Notice of Public Hearing was posted at Mesa Water District's office and website, and at Costa Mesa City Hall. Legal advertisements were published in the *Daily Pilot* on December 28, 2022 and January 4, 2023.

President Dewane opened the floor for discussion by the Board. Comments were offered.

President Dewane opened the floor for public comments. There were no members of the public present.

Acting District Secretary Duncan reported that the District had not received any written or verbal comments regarding proposed Ordinance No. 34.

President Dewane declared the public comments segment closed.

President Dewane opened the floor for discussion by the Board. Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

President Dewane declared that the Public Hearing was closed.

Motion by Director Atkinson, to adopt Ordinance No. 34 Directors' Compensation and Expense Reimbursement with a 7% increase effective July 1, 2023, no increase in March 2023 and no changes to expense reimbursement. Motion failed due to a lack of a second.

MOTION

Motion by Vice President DePasquale, second by President Dewane, to adopt Ordinance No. 34 Directors' Compensation and Expense Reimbursement. Motion passed 4 – 1, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	DIRECTORS	Atkinson, Bockmiller, DePasquale, Dewane
NOES:	DIRECTORS	None
ABSTAIN:	DIRECTORS	None
ABSENT:	DIRECTORS	Fisler

11. ON-CALL ELECTRICAL SERVICES:

District Engineer Wiesner provided an overview of the topic. Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

Upon hearing about theft of copper materials at Well No. 3 (Lee Pickens), Director Bockmiller asked for the cost of replacing the materials, which was reported as approximately \$25,000. He opined that was a horrible loss for the ratepayers considering that the scrap value was likely less than \$200. He asked that the question and answer be reflected in the minutes.

President Dewane asked for comments from the public. There were no comments.

MOTION

Motion by Vice President DePasquale, second by Director Atkinson, to amend the On-Call Electrical Services contracts for Fiscal Year 2023 for an additional \$75,000 for a total annual amount not to exceed \$175,000, and authorize execution of the change order. Motion passed 4 – 1, with Director Fisler absent.

12. SCADA CONTROL ROOM AND WET LAB UPGRADE PROJECT:

President Dewane asked for comments from the public. There were no comments.

MOTION

Motion by Vice President DePasquale, second by President Dewane, to approve a change order to Hamel Contracting Inc.'s contract for construction of the SCADA Control Room and Web Lab Upgrade Project for an amount not to exceed \$405,000 to execute construction change orders in excess of the project's 10% contingency, and authorize execution of the change order. Motion passed 4 – 1, with Director Fisler absent.

13. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER:

- Other (no enclosure)

RECESS

President Dewane declared a recess at 5:32 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 5:36 p.m.

14. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

INFORMATION ITEMS:

15. DIRECTORS' REPORTS (AB 1234) PER CA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 53232.3 (D)

16. OTHER (NO ENCLOSURE)

CLOSED SESSIONS:

President Dewane announced the Board was going into Closed Session at 5:54 p.m.

17. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE 54957.6:
DISTRICT NEGOTIATOR: GENERAL MANAGER
EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION: REPRESENTED AND NON-REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES

18. PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957(B)(1)
PERSONNEL MATTER
PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT EVALUATION

The Board returned to Open Session at 6:19 p.m.

Attorney Anslow announced that the Board conducted Closed Session Item 17 with the General Manager, Human Resources Analyst and Legal Counsel pursuant to California Government Code 54957.6. The Board received information and action will be taken under Item 19.

Attorney Anslow announced that the Board conducted Closed Session Item 18 with the General Manager, Human Resources Analyst, and Legal Counsel pursuant to California Government Codes Section 54957(b)(1). The Board received information and there was no further announcement.

ACTION ITEMS (CONT):

19. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR DISTRICT EMPLOYEES:

President Dewane asked for comments from the public. There were no comments.

MOTION

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Vice President DePasquale, to:

- a. Approve the terms and conditions of employment as set forth in the Tentative Agreement between the Mesa Water District Employees' Association (MWDEA) and Mesa Water District for the term of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2027;
- b. Extend the same terms and conditions of employment to the Non-Represented Employees as set forth in the Tentative Agreement; and
- c. Authorize the General Manager to execute the agreement.

Motion passed 4 – 1, with Director Fisler absent.

President Dewane adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m. to a Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

Approved:

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Shawn Dewane, President

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Denise Garcia
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Denise Garcia, District Secretary

Recording Secretary: Sharon D. Brimer